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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Information Services

FROM: Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: FOIA

1. I appreciated the opportunity to sit in on your session the other week. Coming in at the 11th hour, I'm trying to get up to speed on all the nuances regarding what can and must be protected and, conversely, what is subject to search, etc.

2. One thing I am not too clear about--but what appears to me to be a potential source of concern--is that material which is exempt while held, say by the DO, may be subject to search and disclosure if a copy is provided to another element. In addition to the many documents that might routinely fall into this category (e.g. DO documents in OCR, etc.), I wonder if material that may be used by the History Staff would also be subject to such review and possible disclosure.

3. I raise this question out of ignorance. Does the new Act create a situation that might change the nature of what that Staff can and should do, and if so how? Admittedly, we will be sorting out exactly how we implement the Act, but I want to make sure that we don't overlook something (i.e. the History Staff).

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